

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-29 (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A medical device comprising a metal and having at least a coated tube-like portion which is insertable or implantable into the body of a patient, wherein the portion has a first surface and a second surface which are adapted for exposure to body tissue of the patient,

wherein at least a part of the first surface is covered with a coating comprising a first biologically active material to be released from the coating,

wherein the second surface is substantially free of the first biologically active material, wherein the coated portion comprises at least one laser-ablated opening extending through the coated portion and

wherein the medical device having the coated portion is manufactured by a method comprising the steps of:

- (a) obtaining a metal structure having the first surface and the second surface;
- (b) coating at least a portion of the first surface with a first coating material;

and

(c) ablating the coated structure with an ultrashort-pulse laser to form at least one opening extending through the coated portion.

31. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30, wherein the first surface is the outer surface of the tube-like portion and the second surface is the inner surface of the tube-like portion.

32. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30, wherein the medical device is a stent.

33. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 30, wherein at least a part of the second surface is covered with a second coating.

34. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 33, wherein the second coating comprises a second biologically active material.

35. (Previously Presented) The medical device of claim 30, wherein the second surface of the tube-like portion is substantially free of a coating.

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